

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/508,778  
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Applicant: Benedict Seifert  
Group Art Unit: 3696  
Examiner: Daniel S. Felten  
Title: ORDER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Attorney Docket: 3711-000105/US

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 24, 2009, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-26 and 59, with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction because all groups of claims are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both groups of claims in a single application. See, e.g., MPEP §803.

In addition, if a subcombination is elected and determined to be allowable, nonelected claims requiring all the limitations of the allowable claim will be rejoined in accordance with MPEP §821.04.